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Edward H. Hezlett, vice-president and general manager of the Pan-American Life Insurance Company, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1892. His ancestry is Dutch, Scotch, Irish and Yankee. After attending public schools in Cambridge, he entered Harvard in 1909, with the intention of becoming a teacher. When he graduated from the university four years later, the teaching plans were still uppermost in his mind.

However, a Travelers Life Insurance scout, on the lookout for potential actuarial department clerks, contacted Mr. Hezlett and converted him to actuarial work as a profession. After a year and a half with the Travelers, Mr. Hezlett joined the home office staff of the Connecticut General, occupying various positions from assistant actuary to vice-president. Except for the period of the World War, when he served as a pilot in the United States Air Corps, he remained continuously with the Connecticut General until 1929.

In 1929, Mr. Hezlett retired from life insurance and spent four years in research in the field of modern physics. Becoming restless with the sedentary nature of academic activities in 1933, he organized and became publisher of a weekly newspaper which he still owns.

Life insurance, however, was his original profession and it was inevitable that he would reenter that field. In 1934 he became a member of the consulting firm of Woodward, Ryan, Sharp, Davis & Hezlett of New York City, withdrawing from that partnership in 1935 to become actuary of the Pan-American Life Insurance Company. On April 15th, of the current year, Mr. Hezlett was elected vice-president and general manager of the Pan-American.

In a recent interview, Mr. Hezlett's enthusiasm over the future progress and growth of the company was unbounded. He discussed the rapid strides which the Pan-American had made in its brief twenty-six years of existence, attributing them to the leadership of the group of men who have directed the affairs of the company since its date of inception and to the spirit of loyalty which permeates the entire organization. In talking about the company's plans, which, he insisted, would have to be off the record, he presented them with an enthusiasm and intensity of purpose which makes us understand why the Pan-American appointed Mr. Hezlett to the important post of general manager of the company.

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